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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ILO: PRESIDENCY OF MARITIME CONFERENCE

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIR GEN UN AFFAIRS OKAWA CALLED CHARGE
AUGUST 2 TO INFORM US THAT BECAUSE OF SUDDEN ILLNESS AMBAS-
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SADOR TSURUMI, WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW HIS CANDIDACY FOR

PRESIDENCY OF ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE. OKAWA DID NOT SPECIFY NATURE OF TSURUMI'S ILLNESS BUT INDICATED THAT IT WAS RATHER SERIOUS.

2. OKAWA STATED THAT GOJ HAD APPRECIATED ACTIVE SUPPORT GIVEN BY USG AND OTHERS FOR TSURUMI'S CAMPAIGN AND EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THIS UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO BLOCKING CANDIDACY OF POLAND, BUT ADDED THAT NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY MIGHT PRESENT DIFFICULTIES TO "OTHER COUNTRIES" SINCE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUTRIES (WESTERN GERMANY AND IRELAND) HAVE CHAIRED THE TWO RECENT MAJOR ILO CONFERENCES. OKAWA SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT THE GOJ HAS NO SUGGESTION ON HOW TO PROCEED, BUT HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE MARITIME CONFERENCE FOR THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES TO DEVELOP A SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

3. OKAWA SAID THAT THE U.S. IS THE FIRST TO BE INFORMED OF TSURUMI'S WITHDRAWAL. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH LABATT UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIRECTOR NAKAMURA SAID THAT GOJ WOULD NOT INFORM OTHER COUNTRIES OF TSURUMI WITHDRAWAL UNTIL IT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE NEXT MOVES WITH USG. NAKAMURA STRESSED THAT TSURUMI CANDIDACY ORIGINALLY INSPIRED BY AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN AND AMOTIVATED BY JAPANESE DESIRE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO. NAKAMURA INDICATED THAT GOJ WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. REACTIONS SOONEST, INCLUDING HOW JAPANESE MIGHT BEST INFORM OTHER NATIONS OF TSURUMI'S WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT AFFECTING EVENTUAL SELECTION OF SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO HOLD THIS INFORMATION IN CONFIDENCE.
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